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1. SINCE WORKS OF ART LISTED IN REFTEL ARE NO LONGER IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND GSO FILES ON THIS SUBJECT WERE LOST WHEN PATHET LAO SEIZED SILVER CITY AND GSO COMPOUNDS IN JUNE, 1975, EMBASSY HAS QUERIED ADMINISTRATIVE AND GSO PERSONNEL AT POST AT THAT TIME, ALL OF WHOM HAVE SINCE DEPARTED POST.

2. RUSSELL E. MORROW, THEN GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, NOW IN ALGIERS, HAS REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ITEMS LISTED IN REFTEL WERE REMOVED FROM RESIDENCE AND PACKED FOR SHIPMENT IN LATE APRIL/EARLY MAY 1975. THEY WERE PLACED IN SUPPLY OFFICER'S OFFICE IN SILVER CITY GSO COMPOUND PENDING RECEIPT OF DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS WHICH I BELIEVE WERE REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT BUT TO MY KNOWLEDGE WERE NEVER RECEIVED.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THEY WERE STILL IN SILVER CITY WHEN IT WAS SEIZED ON 28 JUNE. IF THEY WERE SHIPPED TO THAILAND DURING THE MAY/JUNE AIRLIFT, THEY WOULD HAVE GONE ON ONE OF THE FLIGHTS OF LOOSE PACK/AIR FREIGHT ITEMS. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ON THESE FLIGHTS WERE NOT MANIFESTED AND WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE. END QUOTE.

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